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## COURT NEWS

### Three New Cases Were Filed During Past Week and Huff Divorce Case Settled

Three new cases were filed in the Common Pleas Court during the past week.

Phillip Alexander asks for divorce from Madge Alexander on the grounds of adultery, extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty. The parties were married at Hillsboro in 1908 and have one child, Algie, aged 3 years. The plaintiff says that defendant has lately at times and places unknown to plaintiff committed adultery with Ralph Rickman. He prays both for divorce and the custody of their child.

The case of John Lloyd, et al., as trustees of the New Vienna Baptist church against John Greathouse, as administrator of William H. Burnett, deceased is a friendly action. It is for the purpose of construing the following clause in the will of the late William H. Burnett: "I give the proceeds of \$5000 to the trustees of the New Vienna Baptist church, as a trust fund for the support and maintenance of said church. Mr. Greathouse in his answer says that he stands willing and ready to turn over the money for the benefit of the church, but does not know to whom to pay it and asks the direction of the court. The case was filed Saturday and heard Monday. At the hearing counsel for plaintiff and defendant agreed as to the intention of Mr. Burnett to give this money for the benefit of the church and that the only question was whom to pay it to; that as a court of equity Judge Newby had the power to appoint a trustee to have charge of the fund. Judge Newby took the case under advisement.

The state of Ohio against Minerva Rollins, Oscar Turner, James Turner, Jas. David Turner, Jr., and Sam Turner is a contempt proceedings. The affidavit is filed by Clementine Turner. She alleges that in 1896 the case of Harrison Roads, as treasurer of Highland county against David R. Rollins, et al., was heard in the Common Pleas Court of Highland county; that in the trial of that case the title to 5 acres of land in Penn township was adjudged and decreed to be in Felix Williams, Alice Day and Justice Williams and that the heirs of Hamilton Turner had no interest in said land; that she is now the owner of said land; that the defendants are heirs of Hamilton Turner and as such heirs claim an interest in the land and are interfering with her use and possession of the land in violation of the judgment and decree of the court. She therefore asks that they be compelled to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court for their violation of the orders of the court.

The divorce and alimony case of Ansta Huff against Horace Huff came to a sudden close Thursday, the parties agreeing upon a settlement. Mrs. Huff was given alimony of \$1450 and Mr. Huff was granted a divorce. Mrs. Huff was excluded from any dower rights in the property of the defendant.

### Declines Good Appointment.

Allen T. Pence, who resides a few miles west of town, received word last week that he had been appointed an inspectors assistant in the Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He was instructed to report to Dr. G. E. Trotten chief inspector, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 7. The office carries a salary to start with of \$840 a year with prospects of quick advancement.

The appointment is a high compliment to Mr. Pence. It came following a competitive examination held in every state in the Union. The examination was held in October 1912 and in Ohio in 14 different cities. Among all the applicants throughout the United States, Mr. Pence stood 42.

Only people having three years experience handling meat producing animals were eligible to take the examination.

Mr. Pence finds that his other business affairs makes it impossible for him to accept the appointment and he has telegraphed the department declining it.

The high grades made by Mr. Pence in the examination show how well posted he keeps and how thoroughly up to date he is in all the lines of his occupation, farming.

### Motorcycle Squad.

A motorcycle squad of six men from the Second Service Brigade of the Ohio National Guards were here Tuesday.

They had gone from Columbus to Portsmouth and from Portsmouth here. They were going from here to Camp Perry. They were making the trip to prove the practicability of motorcycles in military maneuvers.

## EXAMINATION COUNTY OFFICES

### Shows Highland County to Have Efficient and Able Set of Officials

### FINDINGS MADE FOR \$133.10

### Every Official is Complimented For Manner Office is Conducted—The Children's Home Praised.

The report of the examination of the Boards and Officers of Highland county recently made by State Examiners Brotton and Davis has been made public and is now on file in the county auditor's office.

The report shows Highland county to have a most capable set of public officers, only minor mistakes being found. The total amount of all findings both for improper charges and clerical errors against the county is \$149.90. Credits due officials of \$16.80 were found, making the amount due the county \$133.10. The examination covered from March 1, 1912, to April 1, 1913.

A summary of the findings follows: Surveyor—B. O. Pratt, error in charge of days \$20. When this was called to Mr. Pratt's attention it was at once paid into the county treasury.

Ex-Probate Judge, T. M. Watts—An error in cash book showed that \$1.40 was due Judge Watts from the county.

Ex-Sheriff Carey Long—Mr. Long was found to have made mistakes against himself amounting to \$8.45 in the board bill of prisoners and mistakes against the county of \$9.80 in his expense accounts. This made Mr. Long owe the county \$1.35.

Recorder—Mistakes were found in the cash book of Recorder J. S. Faris amounting to \$4.00 against the county. Mr. Faris at once settled this.

School Examiner—C. B. Cox was found to be entitled to \$4.00 in fees that he had not drawn.

The examiners found that when people convicted of offenses under village ordinances had been confined in the county jail that the cost of maintaining them had been paid by the county. The examiners stated this was wrong and hold that \$44.85 is due the county from the village of Hillsboro for boarding its prisoners and \$13 from the village of Greenfield. The auditor was instructed to hold out the respective amounts in making the next settlements with these villages.

Mrs. Olive M. Watts conveyed Florence Shaffer to the Girl's Industrial Home. An overcharge of \$4.95 was made in fixing her fees, they having been computed under the wrong statute. When this was called to the attention of Judge Watts it was at once paid into the county treasury.

A finding of \$21.17 is made against the Hillsboro Gazette and also against the Hillsboro Dispatch. The examiners state that each of these papers made overcharges of these amounts in the publication of the Sheriff's proclamation for the election last fall. It is stated that the publication did not follow the directions of the law, containing matter that should not have been in it.

The Ohio Law Reporter Co. had made a duplication in charge for law books amounting to \$3.75. This amount the officials were instructed to hold out in settling the next bill for books.

Three overpayments of bills against the county were found as follows: J. H. Waddell, pike repair, error in bill, \$2.50; Slagle Lumber Co., lumber, error in bill, \$66; Jas. K. Polk, pike repair, error in bill, \$50c.

The following extracts from the report show how efficient the examiners consider the county officials:

"Much credit is due the office (Auditor's) for the manner in which the paid vouchers are filed. The system fully meets the approval of the Department."

"All forms prescribed by the Department are neatly and accurately kept in the manner and form prescribed. The work in the treasurer's office is well done and in the manner contemplated by the statute."

"The cash book (Probate Judge) has been kept in the manner and form prescribed by the Department and was audited in detail for the period covered by this examination and but one error noted."

"The record work in the clerk's office is kept up to date. All forms prescribed by the Department have been installed and are accurately and neatly kept."

## FALLS FROM ROOF

### Arthur Lucas Breaks Right Arm and Crushes Left Hip In Accident.

Arthur Lucas fell from the roof of Fred Hixson's house in Dallas Wednesday morning about 8:30 and broke both bones in his right fore arm and crushed the left ilium or hip bone.

Mr. Lucas was painting the roof of Mr. Hixson's house. He had placed a ladder on the roof on which to walk while working. The ladder slipped and Mr. Lucas fell to the ground lighting on a stone walk which ran around the house. The house was two stories high and Mr. Lucas fell about thirty feet.

A physician was at once called and the broken bones set. While his injuries are very serious, they are not considered dangerous, unless he is internally injured, which the doctor does not think he is.

Mr. Lucas is a married man and has four children and is in poor circumstances.

One of the peculiar things about his injuries is that his right arm is broken and his left hip and he has practically no bruises on his body.

### Runaway Thursday.

John Aikens, Capt. Ezra Stevenson, Alex. Farren and the young son of Gatch Brown were in a runaway Thursday afternoon. Mr. Aikens had his collar bone broken and suffered many severe bruises. Capt. Stevenson sustained a broken rib. Mr. Farren and the Brown boy were uninjured.

The accident occurred near the corporation line on the Samantha pike. The party was going for a load of gravel, driving Mr. Aikens' team. The team frightened when Capt. Stevenson raised an umbrella to keep off the sun. Mr. Aikens could not control the horses and they ran into a field upsetting the wagon and throwing the occupants out, injuring them as described above.

Capt. Stevenson was able Monday to attend to his duties as street commissioner. Mr. Aikens is still laid up but is getting along as well as could be expected.

Frank Mitchell and family and James A. Mitchell, of Mound City, Mo., who have been visiting relatives here, returned home Monday.

"Clerk Shannon has systematized the work in the office so the most minute detail of any transaction can be quickly and accurately traced."

"A careful examination of all records, contracts, bills paid and resolutions adopted and special inquiry as to business methods and practices of the board (Commissioners) show that each member of the board and the clerk (Auditor) are endeavoring to conduct the affairs of the office according to the laws governing such office, and to correct as far as possible erroneous practices and substitute therefor correct methods."

"The Prosecuting Attorney is to be commended for his policy of not allowing the holding of unnecessary (Cononer's) inquests."

"The work in the Recorder's office is kept up to date and the record work done in a neat and legible manner."

"The institution (county infirmary) seems to be well managed, both as to the comfort of inmates, and the management of the farm."

In discussing the different matters that come under the supervision of the county commissioners, the following deserved praise is given the Children's Home: "This is one of the best institutions of its kind in the state and the children receive the proper care and training to make good useful men and women. We believe that the county commissioners are receiving full value for every dollar paid for the maintenance of children in the home."

The examiners, however, criticize the present plan of maintaining dependent colored children in the homes of colored families and state that in the majority of cases the children do not receive the care and training they should. While they realize that the county is handicapped in the matter of funds they advise providing a public home for these children. They say, "For the neglect of this important matter will cost the county a much larger sum in future years for the care and maintenance of the same children in the infirmary or county jail, or for the prosecution under the criminal laws of the state."

The report of the examiners shows that a thorough examination of all the business dealings of the county was made and the few mistakes found and the praise given the officials by the examiners proves how well and faithfully the officers have been performing their duties.

## COUNCIL MEETING

### It Was Pavement Night and Steps Are Taken to Compel Prompt Building.

The regular monthly meeting of Council was held Monday night. It was a pavement meeting. Complaints in regard to sidewalks being the only matters aside from routine business considered.

The report of the different village officials and boards were as follows: Mayor Wilkins collected \$43 in fines and licenses.

Street Commissioner expended for labor and material on streets during the month \$504.83.

Receipt of city scales were \$10.50. Board of Public Affairs. Receipts, \$170.46; expenditures \$379.69.

The usual batch of bills was presented and all were allowed except the one of the Hillsboro Light & Fuel Co. for street lighting. This was laid over on account of lack of funds.

A number of citizens were present who desired pavements in their neighborhood. Web Chapman asked that Peter Lewis and Anna Newman be required to build pavements in front of their property on the east end of Willow street.

Lee Favor asked that Mrs. Frank Jeans be compelled to construct a pavement in front of her lot on the east side of N. West street and Z. E. England requested that Earl Weller and S. T. McMillan be required to construct pavements in front of their lots on the west side of N. West street.

The pavement question was then discussed at considerable length and it was finally decided to have the street committee make a trip over the city, find what pavements should be built and have the solicitor take such steps as were necessary to have them built.

Everyone who heard the members of council talk realized that they meant business on the pavement question and that if those ordered to build did not do so that Council would proceed to build them and have the cost of construction charged as taxes against the property.

So there would be as little delay as possible in the matter an adjournment was taken until next Monday night when further steps will be taken. The members of council say that this is positively the last call on the pavement question.

### Probate Court Proceedings.

Ira C. Roades, executor of Nancy J. Roades, filed inventory and appraisal.

Ira C. Roades, executor of Nancy J. Roades, filed petition to sell real estate.

Will of George W. Murphy filed.

Will of Peter Yochum filed.

Isma Troth, admr of Eveline Shaper, filed first and final account.

Isma Troth, appointed admr of Sarah B. Troth.

### WIN TWO GAMES

### Hillsboro Defeats American Book Company on Fourth and Greenfield Sunday.

Hillsboro has one of the best ball teams in its history. No one will question this who saw the games of Friday and Sunday.

The American Book Co. team of Cincinnati, were the locals opponents on the Fourth and the slaughter was awful. The final score being 13 to 0 in favor of Hillsboro.

Deakyn pitched for the locals and he had everything, speed, curves, control and the good old nerve and the boys backed him up in fine style. The heavy hitting and good fielding of the home boys made the hearts of the fans glad.

We hate to say anything about the game Sunday. It was a sad sight and there is sorrow in "Padville." The Greenfield team came over Sunday and the slaughter was almost as great as on the Fourth. Greenfield always brags so much and is so self satisfied that it was very rude of the home boys to treat them so roughly. Courtesy to visitors should have dictated more gentle treatment.

The score was 9 to 3 in favor of Hillsboro and we hope that it didn't hurt too much.

The game was a question of class and Greenfield as usual was out of her class when she went up against Hillsboro. While they won't admit it over there they realize it and that is the reason they brag so much, in a futile effort to conceal their inferiority.

Vanzant pitched good ball for Hillsboro.

W. W. Penwell, ex-Probate Judge, Brown county, was a business visitor here, Thursday.

## DOINGS IN COURT DURING YEAR

### Were Light As Shown By Report Completed by Clerk J. Ed. Shannon

### 154 CASES WERE FILED

### And 152 Were Disposed of—Thirty-seven Divorce Suits Were Heard—Other Interesting Statistics.

County Clerk J. Ed. Shannon has completed the compilation of the statistics showing the business transacted in the clerk's office from July 1, 1912, to July 1, 1913, and has filed the same with the state auditor. It contains some very interesting facts.

On July 1, 1912, there were 154 cases, civil and criminal, pending in the Common Pleas Court and during the year 152 of these were disposed of, leaving 156 pending.

On July 1, 1912, eleven cases were pending in the Circuit Court and three were brought during the year. Eleven of these were disposed of, leaving only three pending.

Divorce cases constitute a large percentage of the business of the Common Pleas Court. On July 1, 1912, 29 were pending and during the year 24 were brought. Last year 42 were brought. Of the cases pending at the beginning of the year, 3 charged adultery, 22 absence and neglect and 4 cruelty. Of the ones brought during the year, 1 charged adultery, 20 absence and neglect and 3 cruelty.

Thirty-seven cases were decided during the year, of these thirteen were brought by the husband and twenty-four by the wife. The husband was granted a divorce in nine cases, two of which charged adultery and seven absence and neglect. Four cases brought by the husband were dismissed, 2 charging adultery and 2 absence and neglect. The wife was given a divorce in sixteen cases, 12 for absence and neglect and 4 for cruelty.

In five cases brought by the wife divorce was refused, in four of these absence and neglect being charged and one cruelty. Three cases brought by the wife were dismissed, two of which charged absence and neglect and one charged cruelty. In only two of these cases was the custody of children involved. In one of them the children were given to the father and in the other to the mother.

In the criminal cases fines amounting to \$125 were assessed. Of this amount \$120 was collected. The costs in criminal cases assessed against the defendants amounted to \$489.65 and of this amount \$357.50 was collected.

Thirty-two civil judgments were rendered during the year. Of these 19 were for money only and in the other 13 money was included. The total amount of the judgment was \$17,814.37, an average for each judgment of \$559.82.

The total amount of jury fees paid during the year in both civil and criminal cases was \$1,160.55, the grand jury fees being \$304 and the petit jury fees \$856.45.

During the year the grand jury returned 15 indictments. One was for murder in first degree; 3 for assault with intent to kill; 1 for horse stealing; 1 for rape; 5 for burglary and larceny; 1 for forgery; 2 for grand larceny and 1 for non-support of minor child. On July 1, 1912, twenty criminal cases were pending. One person was convicted of murder in second degree; one for assault and battery; one for rape; four for burglary and larceny; one for forgery; one for grand larceny. There was only one acquittal. In that case the charge was grand larceny. One indictment charging burglary and larceny was nolleed. Eight of those convicted were imprisoned.

Four coroner inquests were held during the year, 2 men and 2 women. One of the men was murdered and one was killed by accident. One of the women committed suicide and one the cause of death was unknown.

### Band Concert Program.

The following program will be rendered at the band concert Thursday night:

March—Waldmere.....F. H. Losey  
Overture—Remick's Hits.....J. Bodewalt Lampe  
March—College Chaps.....Frautzen  
Serenade—Queen of Night.....A. M. Laurens  
Waltz—Cribbribin.....A. Pestolozza  
March—Knights Templar.....Keating  
Clarinet Solo—Nellie Gray.....Fischer  
Intermezzo—Flashing Eyes.....Frautzen  
March—We All Fall.....Chattaway

## IS KLEPTOMANIAC

### Earl Stout, Who Escaped From Asylum, is Sent Back for Stealing From Father

Earl Stout, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stout, was taken back to the Athens Asylum Wednesday. About three weeks ago he escaped from that institution and has been at the home of his parents. Young Stout is a kleptomaniac. It seems to be impossible for him to keep from stealing. He was sent to Athens last fall, after many offenses which ended in his stealing the automobile of L. B. Banks.

When he came home his parents wanted him to have another chance and the officers although notified of his escape made no effort to find him.

Wednesday morning when the boy's father got up and went to his desk he found it broken open and \$112 gone and the boy missing. Mr. Stout at once notified the police officials who went in search of the boy. They traced him to Hiestand's woods near Pike's Chapel and after several hours search found him lying in a fence corner. He had the money belonging to his father. This was taken away from him and he was brought to town and placed in jail.

Sheriff Satterfield had started to Athens with Lina Stodgel, of New Petersburg, who had been found insane, and he telephoned asking if Stout had been captured. When he found that he had he instructed Deputy Sheriff Pugh to bring Stout to Greenfield and he would take him along. Mr. Pugh left at once for Greenfield with Young Stout.

Stout is about 18 years of age and has given his parents a great deal of trouble, having been guilty of many thefts ever since he was a very young boy.

### Death of Gladys E. Gross.

Gladys Elizabeth Gross, aged 10 years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gross, Monday morning at 7 o'clock. She had been ill for several months with congestion of the lungs. Short funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Louis E. Durr. The body was taken to Hamilton Wednesday for burial.

Mrs. J. H. Tudor, of St. John Kan., is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. A. Beam. She and Mrs. Beam will leave the last of this week for a short visit with relatives at Greenfield and from there they will go to the home of Mrs. Tudor.

### Engagement Announced.

The engagement of Miss Duanna Harsha and Fay McMullen was made by Mrs. Lyman Turner, Tuesday. The wedding will take place on August 20 and will be very quiet on account of the illness of Miss Harsha's father, C. M. Harsha.

Miss Harsha is a pretty and attractive young lady with a wide circle of friends. Mr. McMullen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. McMullen and graduated this year in the Arts course of Ohio State University. He has been employed to teach at Columbiana next year.

### Patterson County Commencement

The following program has been prepared for the Patterson County Commencement which will be held at Bell's Opera House, Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

MUSIC.....Orchestra  
Invocation.....Orchestra  
A Refractory Cow.....Grace Williams  
Tommy B. Row.....Paul Sellman  
MUSIC.....Orchestra  
The Blacksmith's Story.....Opal Barton  
The Editor's Wagon.....Herold Carlisle  
MUSIC.....Orchestra  
Battle of Lookout Mt.....Eva Eubank  
The Puzzled Dutchman.....Ruth Lucas  
MUSIC.....Orchestra  
Address.....Supt. C. H. Lewis, Leesburg  
MUSIC.....Orchestra  
Presentation of Diplomas.....Orchestra  
MUSIC.....Orchestra

### Company D.

Since our article of last week, we have had seven young men "sign up" and have several more who are seriously considering doing the same.

Boys "Everybody is doing it" so come right up to the Army any night this week and we will enlist you as a soldier of the state of Ohio and the United States. If you are a little backward about starting in, this will be an excellent time as there will be several of the boys who have it all to learn.

It will not take much of your time and even if you have not made up your mind to enlist come up and let us explain what membership in the Ohio National Guards means to you.

LIEUT. EARLE MILLER,  
Recruiting Officer.